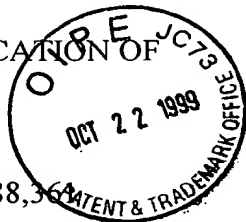


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
P. Barson)
SERIAL NO.: 08/888,368)
FILED: July 3, 1997)
FOR: FORMING A SIGNATURE OF)
PARAMETERS EXTRACTED)
FROM INFORMATION)



) Examiner: Wilbert L. Starks, Jr.
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) Group Art Unit: 2762
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) Docket No.: 476-1574

LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

An Office Action of October 5, 1999 has been received concerning this application. Because of unclarity in the Office Action, it is requested that the Examiner either reissue the Office Action or supplement the Office Action.

In the Office Action, the Examiner appears to be restating the rejections set forth in the previous Office Action of March 24, 1999 (with the exception of the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112), but that is certainly not clear from the Office Action. While the Examiner has considerable comments concerning 35 U.S.C. Section 101, and therefore the applicant can assume that the Examiner is restating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 101, the Examiner's statements in the section headed "Response to Arguments" do not make it clear what rejections the Examiner is restating. It appears that the Examiner is restating rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 103, although not entirely clear, and there is no mention of the prior rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 102.

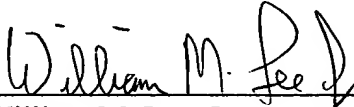
It is therefore requested that the Examiner either reissue the Office Action, positively stating what rejections are being made, or supplement the Office Action with those rejections.

Whatever action is taken, because the Examiner's Office Action is unclear, it is also requested that the date for response to the Examiner's Office Action be restarted to commence with the date that the Examiner either reissues the Office Action or supplements that which has been received.

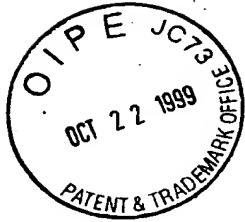
Any questions should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 17, 1999



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